
TIMOTHY McCARTY.

The progenitor of the McCarty connexion, and one of the earliest pioneers in our county, was Timothy McCarty, a native of Ireland. He settled on Knapps Creek previously to the Revolution, and was a soldier in that memorable war for independance. He could speak from experience that hard was the contest for liberty and the struggle for independance. With his humble hand he helped to make the history that forms one of the most instructive chapters in the annals of human endeavors for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

His first marriage was with Nancy Honeyman, and settled on lands now in the possession of Wilson Rider and the Gibson brothers near Frost; thence moved to Browns Mountain and opened up the property now in the possession of Amos Barlow.

By the first marriage there were seven sons: Daniel, Preston, Justin, James, Thomas,—the names of the other two not remembered. All of these sons were soldiers in the war of 1812, and but one ever returned to Pocahontas—Daniel McCarty—to live. The rest either perished in the war, or went to Tennessee or Kentucky.

Timothy McCarty's second marriage was with Jane Waugh, sister of Samuel Waugh of the Hills, whose memoirs appear elsewhere. By this marriage there were thirteen children. The names of but eight are in hand: Eli, Reuben, Samuel, Jacob, Nancy, Jane,

Martha, and Sally.

Nancy was married to Robert McClary, a saddler at Millpoint, and finally went to Ohio.

Jane became Mrs Harvey Casebolt, and after living awhile at the head of Locust Creek, went to one of the western counties of the State.

Sally was married to Ezekiel Boggs, in Greenbrier.

Eli married Margaret Moore, and lived most of his married life on the place lately occupied by John Simmons, head of Stony Creek. His daughter Jane was married to John Simmons. Robert, Amanda, Margaret, Calvin, Milton, Warwick, and Nancy are their children.

Reuben McCarty lived and died unmarried.

Samuel Waugh McCarty married Phoebe Moore, a daughter of "Pennsylvania" John Moore. Their children were James, George, Margaret, William, Elizabeth, and Peter. In reference to Samuel McCarty's family the following particulars are available.

James McCarty went to Ohio, married Mary Hadden, and thence went to Minnesota. His second marriage was with Melissa Overly.

George McCarty, a Union soldier, 3d West Virginia Cavalry, Company I, was killed at the battle of Winchester under Sheridan.

William McCarty, a Union soldier, 10th West Virginia Regiment, Company A, died at home, in 1861.

Margaret McCarty was married to James Curry, and they went to Kansas.

Elizabeth McCarty, a life long invalid, but an industrious, useful person, died a few years since at the old

homestead.

Peter McCarty was a Union veteran, 3d West Virginia Cavalry, Company I. He married Elizabeth Araminta Hill, daughter of Aaron Hill on Hills Creek, and resides on the homestead near Dilleys Mill. The names of their children are James William, Leanna Frances, Amos Hedrick, Albert Granville, Carrie Virginia, and Mary Price.

Jacob McCarty, son of Timothy McCarty, was a member of the West Virginia legislature in the reconstructive period. His first marriage was with Annie Boggs of Greenbrier, and lived on Droop Mountain. There were six children by this marriage: Samuel, Elizabeth, Mahala, Melissa, Julia, and Franklin. The second marriage was with Hannah Brock, of Droop Mountain. George and Fanny are the children by this marriage. George McCarty lives on the homestead on Droop Mountain, overlooking the Hillsboro charming landscape.

Miss Susie McCarty and her brothers, James H. and Thomas, teachers in the public schools, are the grandchildren of Jacob McCarty. Their parents Samuel and Eliaabeth McCarty of Bruffeys Creek.

Jacob McCarty, Esq., as already intimated was prominent in the political affairs of our county, soon after the war between the States. He seems to have been quite ready at repartee. Soon after his return from Wheeling, some one undertook to guy him in this fashion:

“Well, Jake, you have been to the legislature and found out what a fool you are.”

“Yes,” rejoined Mr McCarty, “and that is more than you can say for yourself.”

Daniel McCarty was the only one of the seven sons of Timothy McCarty that went to the war of 1812, and returned to Pocahontas permanently. His wife was Elizabeth, daughter of “Pennsylvania” John Moore, and they lived on Browns Mountain. Their children were George, John David, Margaret, Louisa, and Jane.

George McCarty married Eliza Herold, and settled where Sheldon Moore now lives. The names of their children were Andrew, Lanty, Catherine, Ella, and Lillie.

John David McCarty married Susan Harper and lived near Hillsboro. Their children were Ellis, the late Mrs Julia Curry, Sherman, who was drowned in a tan vat; Martha and Della, who died young.

Margaret McCarty was married to Jeremiah Dilley, and lived near Mount Tabor.

Louisa became Mrs Warwick Jackson.

Jane was married to Henry Tomlinson and settled in Iowa.

Daniel McCarty when in service was in the company commanded by Captain William Cackley, living at the time at Millpoint. He was greatly attached to his captain, and seemed never to tire in rehearsing the deeds of kindness and careful attention performed by his greatly esteemed captain.

Among his war stories the old soldier seemed to take great delight in telling how the turkeys would make him run into camp, when he would be foraging for something fresh to eat for his messmates. In explain-

ing how this could be for a soldier brave as he claimed himself to have been, Daniel would wink one eye, fix his tobacco, and study awhile, and if it happened to be in a refreshment room, he would have to have a nip of thirty cent Kerrs Creek whiskey.

When ready he would tell how he would bait fish-hooks with grains of corn, and then throw the line where the turkeys could see it, and when one would take the bait it would start right for him, and he would break for the camp, and the old gobbler would never stop or let him alone until it was knocked on the head. Then it was his time to tackle the brave old critter and fix him for a turkey roast, for giving him such a scare and hard race.

When it was insinuated that it took him a very long time to tell nothing much at last, his rejoinder would come quick as a flash: When there is nothing much to talk to it takes time to say nothing much, as the Preacher tells us.

We have thus traced as well as we could the family history of Timothy McCarty, with such assistance as Mrs Margaret Simmons and James H. McCarty were able to render. The narrative is brought down within the memory and observation of the living. Some future biographer of the McCarty connection should collect material for correction and expansion at a later day.

Timothy McCarty was one of those who stood faithful in the struggle for American independence. He is one of the few Revolutionary veterans buried in our mountain land.

JACOB CASSELL.

Jacob Cassell, ancestor of the numerous relationship of that name, was a native of Pendleton. In early manhood he came to Bath, where he married Nancy McLaughlin, a sister of Squire Hugh McLaughlin, late of Marlinton. After living several years in Bath, he bought out Mr Deaver, on Greenbrier River, three miles west of Greenbank, now known as the Cassell fording. Here he settled and became a wellknown citizen of our county, about seventy years ago. His family were two daughters and five sons: William, Jacob, John, Samuel, James, Nancy and Jane.

William married Matilda Wanless, and settled on Back Alleghany where he spent the remainder of his life—he was eighty-two years old when he died. He was married twice. The first children were Nancy Jane and George. The daughter became Mrs Henry Barlow and lives near Edray. George was a Confederate soldier and died of wounds during the war. William Cassell's second marriage was with Nancy Collins. By this marriage there were seven children. Mary Catherine became Mrs Thomas Beverage; Martha Ellen was married to Robert Sutton, a prominent teacher of schools; William, Jr., married India Sutton and settled on the homestead; Louisa was married to John Cassell and lives near the old home; Charles married Annie Geiger and lives at Huttonsville. Sarah Ann died aged 13 years; George went to Texas and after many adventures on cattle ranches was drowned.

Jacob Cassell's son, Jacob, married Nancy Sharp, daughter of the late William Sharp, near Verdant Valley, and settled in Illinois.

John, third son of Jacob Cassell, married Sally Curry and went to the far West.

Samuel Cassell, the fourth son, married Eliza Valentine Tomlinson, of Augusta county, near Staunton, Virginia, and lived for a while on the Greenbrier homestead, then settled on Back Alleghany on lands now held by his son, Jacob Cassell. Samuel's daughter married Harvey Hevener, and lived on the Greenbrier, four miles, above the old homestead; Jacob married Clara Sutton, daughter of the late Samuel Sutton, and settled on Back Alleghany; Mary Ann married Cyrus Tallman and settled on Back Alleghany; Alice married John Wooddell and settled near Travelers Rest; Margaret Jane married George Baxter, near Edray. It is to this member of the Cassell family that the writer is mainly indebted for assistance in preparing this paper. Rachel married Zechariah Swink and lives on Back Alleghany; Hannah married George Wanless and lived on the old Wanless homestead; Huldah became Mrs George Auldridge and lives near Edray.

James Cassell, son of Samuel, married Margaret Ann Swink, of Rockbridge county, Virginia, and settled on the Greenbrier homestead. His son John married Louisa Cassell and settled on Back Alleghany; Samuel married Martha Hevener and lives on the Greenbrier, near the old Cassell home; James married Sarah Shinneberry, and lives on Back Alleghany;

Thomas married Lydia Galford and settled on Back Alleghany; Ella married Henry Kessler and lives in the same neighborhood. Nancy Jane married Benjamin Collins, a Minister of the German Baptist church; Rachel Ann married Amos Gillespie, justice of the peace and a prominent teacher in the public schools, and lives at Cass.

Nancy Cassel, daughter of Jacob Cassell the ancestor, married Allen Galford, and lived on the Greenbrier near the mouth of Deer Creek.

Jane Cassell, the other daughter of Jacob Cassel, married Jacob Wilfong, and when last heard from they were in Minnesota. Their children were Jacob and Margaret Jane.

Jacob Cassell, Senior, the founder of the Cassell family in upper Pocahontas, was a person of remarkable muscular strength and agility. He was passionately industrious, and even in extreme old age never satisfied without something useful to do. He and his family have done very much in developing that part of the county where he resided. In his attire he was very neat and particular, and a perfect gentleman in his deportment. His personal influence and example were for fair dealing, strict integrity, and pure morals. He lived to be ninety-two years of age. Mrs Cassell died several years before her husband. Her death was occasioned by nasal hemorrhage, brought on by over-exertion in crossing a very high rail fence.

With the assistance of a grand-daughter of these venerated persons, the compiler has been able to prepare this memorial of two very worthy people, richly

deserving of lasting and grateful remembrance for the part they and their descendants have performed in rescuing from a rugged and remote forest wilderness and laboriously developing one of the more really prosperous sections of our great county.

JOHN COLLINS.

For nearly a hundred years the name Collins has been a familiar one among our people. The progenitor was John Collins, a native of Ireland. He found his way from Pennsylvania to Pendleton county, where he met and married Barbara Full. He first settled on the Dunwoody place, near Meadow Dale, in Highland. About the year 1800 he moved to what is now Pocahontas county, and settled on the Greenbrier on lands now held by William H. Collins, and built up a home. There had been some improvements begun by former settlers, but so little that to all intents and purposes he settled in the woods. Mr and Mrs Collins were the parents of four sons and four daughters: John, James, Lewis and Charles; Barbara, Susannah, Mary and Elizabeth.

Barbara went west; it is believed to Ohio; Susannah became Mrs George Nottingham and lived in Athens county, Ohio; Elizabeth became Mrs William Queen, and went to Marion county, Ohio.

In reference to the sons of John Collins, we learn that John was a dealer in horses, and upon going to Richmond with a drove he was never heard of afterwards. The probability seems to be that he was killed